

FINDING FAVOR IN A FALLEN AND FAITHLESS WORLD

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The Search for Significance // Genesis 6:1-22

Message Context

Genesis 6 reveals a world increasingly corrupted by sin, where humanity's pursuit of its own desires has produced widespread wickedness and violence. Although mankind had multiplied across the earth, the human heart had turned away from its Creator, grieving the heart of God and inviting His righteous judgment. Yet amid this fallen and faithless generation, Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. Rather than making a name for himself like the mighty men of his day, Noah received God's grace and responded with faith-filled obedience. His story reminds us that lasting significance is not found in our accomplishments, reputation, or ability to save ourselves, but in God's undeserved favor. Just as God graciously provided an ark to carry Noah through the coming judgment, He has provided salvation through Jesus Christ for all who trust in Him.

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. What is something you have accomplished or experienced that you hope people will remember about you?
2. Who is someone whose quiet faithfulness has made a lasting impact on your life?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. **Read Genesis 6:1-22.** What stands out to you most from a fresh reading of the passage, and is there anything from the message that you want to be sure we don't miss as a group?
4. Genesis 6 describes a world filled with wickedness and violence. What similarities do you see between Noah's generation and our own?
5. In verses 2–4, we encounter people who saw what they desired and took what they wanted. How does this pattern resemble the temptation and sin of Genesis 3?
6. Pastor Jeremy emphasized that sin never sufficiently satisfies. Why do sinful desires often leave us wanting more rather than bringing genuine contentment?
7. Genesis 6:5 describes the corruption of humanity's thoughts and intentions. What does this reveal about the nature and depth of human sin? Do we often lessen that in how we speak of sin?
8. In verse 6, God is described as grieving over mankind's wickedness. What does God's grief teach us about His character and His response to sin? (**Check out the articles below**)
9. How should understanding that sin grieves God's heart influence the way we approach repentance and holiness?
10. Genesis 6:8 begins with the words, "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." Why is this contrast so significant in the surrounding account of judgment?

11. How does the order of God's grace, Noah's faith, and Noah's obedience help us understand the relationship between salvation and good works? Consider Ephesians 2:8–10 and Hebrews 11:7.
12. Genesis 6:9 tells us that Noah walked with God. What do you think distinguished Noah's life from the culture around him? What does walking with God look like for Christians today?
13. Pastor Jeremy warned against interpreting God's patience as permission. Why might people mistake God's delayed judgment for indifference toward sin? How should God's patience lead us to repentance?
14. God gave Noah detailed instructions for building the ark, and Noah obeyed even before the flood arrived. What does his example teach us about trusting God's Word when we cannot see or understand everything He is doing?
15. How does God's provision of the ark point us toward the salvation He provides through Jesus Christ? In what ways does Noah's rescue help us better understand both God's judgment and His grace?

♡ PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

16. What is something in your life that promises satisfaction but consistently leaves you wanting more? How can you begin turning away from it and finding your satisfaction in Christ?
17. Is there an area where God has clearly called you to obedience, but you have been hesitant because you do not understand what will happen next?
18. If those closest to you were describing your life, would they emphasize your accomplishments or your faithfulness to God? What might need to change?

Announcements

Sportsman's Banquet: October 17th @ 4:00 pm – More information found at nvf.life/sportsman

Stew Fundraiser: October 24th @ 10:30 am – Order a Brunswick Stew here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C054EA8A92AA7F4CF8-62446766-brunswick?useFullSite=false>

Resources for Going Deeper

- **Great Article on God's Unchanging Nature** <https://www.gotquestions.org/God-change-mind.html>
- **Deeper Article on God's Unchanging Nature & Anthropopathism** - <https://www.gotquestions.org/anthropopathism.html>
- **For even a deeper reading, Pastor Avery, wrote a paper on God's immutable & impassible nature.**
 - **Immutable** – God Does Not Change (In being, character, or purposes)
 - **Impassible** – God does not undergo emotional change or suffering as creatures do.
 - **The Impassible God | Pastor Avery Canfield**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iV9Um9vuL5r3T2_BH9Rb5_f_8NpGtRON/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115225848874764848859&rtpof=true&sd=true